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SUBJ: MUNITIONS CONTROL CASE

REF: STATE 138184

1. ON JULY 5 AMBASSADOR CONVEYED SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL TO SHAH WHO WAS PLEASED WITH POSITIVE RESPONSE. EMBASSY APPRECIATES QUICK ACTION BY DEPARTMENT.

2. SHAH ASKED FOR RATIONALE BEHIND U.S.G. REQUIREMENT FOR ITS PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL FOR EXPORT, SALE OR TRANSFER OF IRANIAN-MANUFACTURED WEAPON SYSTEM TO ANY THIRD COUNTRY. SHAH SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS PARTICULAR SYSTEM WAS NOT MANUFACTURED IN THE U.S. AND WAS NOT, THEREFORE, DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY EMPLOYED BY U.S. ARMED FORCES. IRAN WAS ONLY BUYING THE SERVICES OF AMERICAN EXPERTS. THERE DID NOT SEEM TO BE ANY TRANSFER OF ANY EXISTING AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. IF SO, WHAT ELEMENTS OF TECHNOLOGY OF THIS WEAPON SYSTEM WER SUBJECT TO U.S.G. PRIOR APPROVAL?

3. SHAH DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITHOUT DISPUTING OUR POSITION; HE WAS MERELY SEEKING OBTAIN INFORMATION. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE RAISED QUESTION OF HELICOPTER CO-PRODUCTION WHICH IS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION WITH THREE AMERICAN FIRMS (SIKORSKY, BELL AND BOEING). NONE OF THE COMPANIES' REPRESENTATIVES HAD EVER MEN-
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TIONED POSSIBILITY THAT EXPORT SALES WOULD BE SUBJECT

TO U.S. APPROVAL ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. WOULD THIS,
IN FACT, BE TRUE?

4. WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF DEPARTMENT COULD PREPARE
A CONCISE, COMPREHENSIVE AND NON-LEGALISTIC STATEMENT
OF THE U.S. POSITION ON DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER
WHICH WE COULD CONVEY TO THE SHAH IN RESPONSE TO HIS
QUESTIONS ON THIS MATTER.

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